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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 9, 11-14 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 9 (line 3), “wherein illuminating the first and second combinations of illumination positions” should be changed to --wherein illuminating the workpiece from the first and second combinations of illumination positions--.

Claim 11 (line 12), “at a second location between an illumination position and an image location” should be changed to --at a second location between a second illumination position and a second image location--.

Claim 11 (line 14), “from the illumination position” should be changed to --from the second illumination--.

Claim 11 (line 15), “from the image location” should be changed to --from the second image location--.

Claim 12 (lines 1-2), “the attenuating steps are” should be changed to --the attenuating at the first and second locations are--.

Claim 14 (line 1), “wherein attenuating comprises” should be changed to --wherein the attenuating at the first and second locations comprises--.

Claim 14 (line 2-3), “between an illumination position and an image location” should be changed to --between corresponding illumination position and corresponding image location--.

Claims 12-14 are objected as being dependent on claim 11.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest a method of imaging portions of a workpiece located within a field of view of an imaging system, the workpiece having features which are to be detected with the imaging system, the method comprising:

illuminating a first portion of the workpiece from a first combination of illumination positions and reduced illumination positions so as to limit a first distribution of energy reflected specularly from a workpiece location corresponding to the first portion;

illuminating a second portion of the workpiece from a second combination of illumination positions and reduced illumination positions so as to limit a second distribution of energy reflected specularly from a workpiece location corresponding to the second portion, the second combination being non-identical to the first combination as a result of a position of the workpiece portion within the field of view of the imaging system.

Claims 2-10 are allowed for the reasons given in claim 1.

Regarding claim 11, the prior art of the record fails to show or fairly suggest a method of imaging portions of a workpiece comprising:

attenuating, at a first location between an illumination position and an image location corresponding to a first portion of the workpiece, at least a portion of the energy from the

illumination position so as to limit the distribution of energy reflected from the image location corresponding to a the first workpiece portion;

attenuating, at a second location between an illumination position and an image location corresponding to a second portion of the workpiece, at least a portion of the energy from the illumination position so as to limit the distribution of energy reflected from the image location corresponding to a the second workpiece portion.

Claims 12-14 are allowed for the reasons given in claim 11.

Conclusion

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the objections of claims 9, 11-14 as indicated above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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